

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 155-2005



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: June 9, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: **Appointment of Code Compliance Division Director**

I am pleased to inform you that James Mazer has been appointed to fill the vacancy of Code Compliance Division Director within the Neighborhood Services Department. Mr. Mazer will begin working on, Monday June 20, 2005.

Mr. Mazer, formerly Major Mazer, has recently retired from a 27 year career in the Miami Beach Police Department. Mr. Mazer retired with the rank of Major after having been promoted through the ranks from his starting position as a Police Officer in 1977.

Mr. Mazer has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida International University and a Bachelor's Degree from Barry University. Mr. Mazer also has a variety of Police Command and technical courses related work that he has completed throughout his career with the City of Miami Beach Police Department.

A detailed listing of Mr. Mazer's experience and education credentials are attached for your review.

Mr. Mazer will be a welcome addition to the City's Neighborhood Services Department and the Code Compliance Division. His leadership skills and experience will assist the Department Director, Vivian Guzman, to continue the work of professionalizing and building the capability within the Code Compliance Division, as that area continue to fulfill its role in addressing the City's overall mission.

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Attachment

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Over 27 years of honorable service with the Miami Beach Police Department
- Progressively responsible law enforcement experience in both operations and administration
- Fully versed in the CALEA and the CFLEA accreditation process; leading member of the Professional Standards Unit and the accreditation team for the City of Miami Beach
- Law enforcement professional with an uncompromising commitment to duty and integrity
- Dedicated team player who leads by example and inspires loyalty and superior performance
- Planned and prepared budgets at both the division and unit level for over a decade

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

November 1977 – May 2005

Police Department, City of Miami Beach, Florida

As a law enforcement professional, built a distinguished career and reputation in the Miami Beach Police and the South Florida Law Enforcement Community. Performed in a number of diverse roles and assignments within the agency; obtained a wealth of experience in every major aspect of departmental operations. Recipient of numerous honors and awards. Promoted up through the ranks in an outstanding agency with 382 sworn positions and 164 civilian employees. Retired from the Miami Beach Police Department on May 31, 2005.

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

June 2004 – May 2005

Major of Police, Support Services Division

Command of the Department's Support Services Division, responsibilities include the Department's Personnel Unit which does all of the recruiting, backgrounds, hiring and training of new employees, both sworn and civilian. Additional responsibilities include the Department's Training Section, the Court Liaison Office, the Payroll Office, the Off Duty Office as well as being the coordinator of the Department's Hurricane and Emergency Management Response Plan.

January 2003– May 2004

Major of Police, Technical Service Division

Command of the Department's Technical Services Division, responsibilities include the Department's Professional Standards Unit, the Accreditation Unit, the Public Safety Communication Unit (PSCU), the Records Section and the Information Management Unit which oversees all of the Department's technology requirements.

PROMOTIONS

- January 2003 Major of Police
- August 1994 Captain of Police
- February 1991 Lieutenant of Police
- February 1987 Sergeant of Police

PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS

- Sept 2002 – Dec 2002 Captain, Public Safety Communications Unit (PSCU)
- Apr 2002 – Sept 2002 Captain, Patrol Division, Middle District
- May 2001 – Mar 2002 Captain, Support Services Division, Fiscal Management
- Oct 1999 – May 2002 Captain, Strategic Investigation Unit
- Nov 1998 – Sept 1999 Captain, Property Management Unit
- Dec 1995 – Oct 1998 Captain, Internal Affairs
- Aug 1994 – Dec 1994 Captain, Patrol Division, First Platoon
- Aug 1991 – Aug 1994 Lieutenant, Patrol, Various Shifts
- Mar 1991 – Aug 1991 Lieutenant, Support Services Division, Training Unit
- Oct 1989 – Mar 1991 Sergeant, Internal Affairs, Investigator
- Aug 1987 – Oct 1989 Sergeant, Chief's Office, Media Relations Office
- Feb 1987 – Aug 1987 Sergeant, Communications (PSCU)
- Nov 1977 – Feb 1987 Police Officer/Detective, Uniform Patrol Division, CID

EDUCATION

- Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Masters Degree, Public Administration, 2002 – Present
- Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida
Bachelor of Professional Studies, 1997
- Southern Police Institute (University of Louisville), Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
14th Command Officers Development Course, 1996
Recipient of the Southern Police Institute's Director's Award for Academic Excellence (finished #1 academically in my class)
- Police Academy, Southeastern Florida Institute of Criminal Justice, Miami, Fl.
Basic Law Enforcement, 1978
- Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, Florida
Associate of Arts Degree, 1976

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 3 City of Miami Beach Certificates of Appreciation
- 28 Departmental Commendations
- 61 Citizen Commendations
- 2 Community Service Awards
- Unit Citation
- Southern Police Institute's Director's Award for Academic Excellence

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police
- NENA, National Emergency Number Association
- Miami Beach Fraternal Order of Police

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Chairman, MBPD March of Dimes, Walk America – 2004
- Team Captain, MBPD American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 2003 – present
- Team Captain, MBPD Alzheimer's Association, Memory Walk – 2002
- United Way – Member of the Leadership Circle, 2000 – present
- Volunteer, Miami Beach Police Athletic League *Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive*, early 1980's – Present
- T-ball/baseball Assistant Coach, Miami Beach Parks and Recreation, 1993 – 1996
- Member, Board of Directors, Miami Beach Police Athletic League, 1982 – 1989
- Police Explorer Advisor, Miami Beach Police Athletic League, 1980 – 1984

IN-SERVICE TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS (2,770 TOTAL HOURS TO DATE)

- Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) Conference Training, Pasadena, California 2004
- Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFLEA) Conference Training, Crystal River, Florida, 2004
- National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Conference Training, Denver, Colorado, 2003
- Franklin Covey 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, MBPD, 2002
- Financial Management and Grant Training, US Department of Justice, Washington D.C., 2001
- Drug Unit Commander Seminar, IPTM, Jacksonville, Florida, 2000
- Managing the Property and Evidence Function, IACP, Palm Bay, Florida, 1999
- Managing the Internal Affairs Function, IACP, Orlando, Florida, 1997
- Mid-Management Course, Southeast Florida Institute of Criminal Justice (SFICJ), 1991
- Police Media Relations, IPTM, Jacksonville, Florida, 1987

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